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For: IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS

PERFORMING RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION OR

FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.